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1. The Madrid headquarters of the Direccion General de Seguridad reportedly issued an order on 10 February 1950 to all its subordinate activities to report monthly on the private activities of all employees. The circular stated that the ratio of arrests to crimes committed indicated a lack of zeal on the part of police officials which was attributable to their pursuit of outside employment in order to augment their incomes.
2. It was pointed out that many outside positions taken by policemen were incompatible with their official activities. Special mention was made of liquor brokers, cabaret employees, private police for business firms and detective agents, who had abused their positions by exerting pressure on customers of their outside employers.
3. The circular warned that punishment would be meted out not only for lack of zeal in the pursuance of official duties, but also for complaints about the high cost of living, which were "incompatible with the spirit of sacrifice necessary in the police profession."

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